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C.E.L. Synopsis

The Center For Early Learning was officially opened on January 8, 1973 under Mrs. Kathleen L. Bowser's supervision. The maximum enrollment is 22 children and is primarily available to children of full-time students with second priority being given to children of faculty or staff. There is a balanced ratio according to sex, age, and race. Presently there are 30 children on the waiting list. The Health Department has restricted enrollment, but there are facilities and staff to accommodate additional children. The fees are on a sliding scale from \$5.00 to \$18.60 per week. All staff and faculty parents are required to pay the full fee.

The Center serves as a demonstration class for child psychology and early childhood majors. It is Montessori based and PBJC is the only community college in the nation that offers Montessori training for teachers. There are about 109 students in some phase of early childhood training. Since the program started, seven have graduated in Montessori. There have been two workshops and another is planned for this Spring.

Official approval was just received from the American Montessori Society for teacher training at the Center. The students who are trained in this field will be eligible for the American Montessori Society certificate.

The first migrant Montessori program is now operating at the American Food Child Development Center in Lantana. Mrs. Shirley Duquette, former student in the PBJC Early Childhood training course, was hired as the teacher. The American Montessori Society is very impressed with this project.

The Center's Advisory Committee is working with Mrs. Bowser and her staff to facilitate the creation of more centers and is constantly striving to interest the public schools in establishing Montessori in their classrooms.

Using the Montessori method developed in France in 1870 by Dr. Maria Montessori, children learn at their own pace, rather than at a pace set for the class as a whole.

BOOKSTORE ITEMS EXPAND

The Bookstore has something new added: An Arts and Crafts Section! By request from the Student Government, the Bookstore is making space available for Arts and Crafts items to be displayed for sale. Items must be College oriented and produced by students. No more than two articles can be placed on display by any one student at any one time, and they must be picked up within two weeks if not sold. Prices are set by the student. At present there is nothing on display as most items had been placed by students who were leaving for the summer. However, there are many interesting pieces ranging from elk-horn pipes to feather earrings, and there should be more items next term.

Humanities Happenings

The Phi Rho Pi drama society, drama and speech instructors and students, and "the general public interested in more comfortable and relaxing seats for the auditorium society" are working, promoting, collecting, and making a concerted effort in raising necessary funds to obtain cushioned seats. Perhaps you were among the fortunate ones to be grandly entertained on May 8 and 9 when the group of students emoted their superb talents as a project to further this cause.

Mr. Duncan has stated donations amounted to over \$600. The WOW's (Women Office Workers) donated \$109 and the SGA was willing to grant \$10,000 (a really big show) to the project. However, there appears to be a legal entanglement that must be unraveled before that can be considered a sure thing. Contributions will be accepted and appreciated from anyone who would like to help get this most needed and ambitious project completed - - just see Mr. Duncan or Mr. Leahy. There are 500 seats to be purchased at approximately \$50 each to allow you better seating at future performances.

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PSI-A New Learning Technique

Opportunities for staff, as well as students, to pursue courses at their own speed and at times convenient to them are available at PBJC.

Four subjects are available and are coordinated by Mrs. Marie Roberts in the Fundamental Learning Laboratory on the first floor of the Library Learning Resources Center.

Staff members may choose a course based on how to use the library effectively and efficiently. It is entitled "Introduction to Research Material." They may wish to pursue "Children's Literature" or they may find a "History of Technology" to their liking. "Enterprise in Southeastern Florida" appeals to some students.

These courses, created by Benjamin S. Roberts, our Faculty Services Librarian, are designed on the principle called Personalized System of Instruction. The idea is to introduce the student to what he is supposed to learn, give him objectives which are closely associated with identifiable text material, and self-tests which closely follow the objectives. Student confidence is built through an increasing awareness of accomplishment. The system works.

You may register for these courses as you would for any others. By budgeting your time you can earn one or more credit hours in a field of your interest.

❖ ROSE SMITH ❖

A spirit of adventure and a love of travel--meeting new people and seeing new places--brought Book-keeping's Rose Smith from one of the most beautiful areas of the world--Bavaria--to our shores.

"It was easy to sit and talk about traveling to America while I was working in Liechtenstein," Rose said.

"And when my boss offered to get in touch with a business associate in Illinois for my sponsorship and a job offer so I could get a visa, I jumped at the opportunity," the accounting clerk explained.

"But, as the time grew closer and closer, I became more apprehensive.

"I didn't want to admit I was scared, so I decided to go through with it," she continued.

"I had just enough money for a one-way ticket, so if it didn't work out as I hoped, I figured I'd be stuck for awhile."

Rose's plans were to work for a family in the U.S. while enrolling in a nearby college for courses in English.

"I planned to stay for a year and save money for my return trip," the tiny auburn-haired Bavarian said.

As Rose tells it, things didn't quite work out that way.

In the first place, her American employers, who had seven children, did not treat her as a family member, as had the Liechtenstein family for whom she had worked as governess.

In contrast, in Evanston, Illinois, she worked from 6:30 a.m. to as late as 10:30 p.m., without even a short break for lunch, for \$40 per week.

"It was a complete disaster," Rose admits.

After receiving several unhappy letters from their former governess, her employer in Liechtenstein offered to send her the money to return.

"But I wanted to prove to myself I could work things out on my own," she says.

After working two months on her dawn-to-dark schedule, Rose's friends at the University of Illinois, where she had enrolled in English courses, convinced her she could easily get a better job.

Before long, she was working for a nice family in Lake Forest, Illinois, and soon, they all headed for Palm Beach for their annual six-week stay.

"I met my husband on the second day after we arrived here," Rose says.

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THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J.M. Schneider

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Because both employment and personnel turnover has been at a low level, there have been few classified personnel changes. Jan Ackerman has recently moved from Finance to a Clerk Typist position in Student Personnel. Jan has been replaced by Kathy Crowley.

Janice House recently became a regular full-time employee in Data Processing. Janice had been a Key Punch Operator working a part-time schedule.

Although they will not fit into the category of "classified personnel" there will be a number of significant title changes on July 1. The former Dean of Academic Affairs, (Dr. Paul Graham), Dean of Business Affairs, (Dr. G. T. Tate), and Dean of Student Personnel, (Mr. Paul Glynn), will all become Vice Presidents. The Executive Dean at the Glades Center (Dr. Cecil Conley) will also become a Vice President. The former Evening Coordinator (Mr. Otis Harvey) will become the Dean of Continuing Education. It is noteworthy that with one minor exception these changes involve no salary increases.

One new Vice President for the North campus was also created. Dr. Edward Eissey, a long time educator and administrator for the School Board of Palm Beach County, has been appointed to fill the position. Dr. Eissey will begin his new assignment on July 1.

SICK LEAVE RULE MAY BE CHANGED

Another item on the Board Agenda was a change in a rule on sick leave. The present rule allows sick leave to be accumulated up to a maximum of 120 days. Rule changes can be approved only after they are announced in advance so that interested parties can voice any opinions they may have before Board action is taken.

AROUND CAMPUS

Marilyn Vazquez's daughter, Lynne, recently won the State Exchange Club American Citizenship Speech Contest held in Ocala. She was sponsored by the Lake

Worth Exchange Club and was awarded a lovely plaque and \$1,000 scholarship. She plans to attend PBJC next year as a drama and speech major.

Did you know the recent rains we waited so long for are all due to Betsy Meyer's (Evening Coordinator's Office) new sprinkler system!

The Evening Office also reports the following:

Mr. Tanner's daughter, Debbie, a former PBJC student, is being married on June 14; and Jeanne Sanders, Jeanette's daughter on June 21.

Jean Inzanti and her husband celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 29.

Jeannette Sanders and her youngest daughter recently had a narrow escape with a water truck used for I-95 construction. It seems the truck did not stop in time and crawled right up the back of her car. Luckily Angela made a dive for the front seat and both she and Jeanette were spared.

Vacation time is here again, and the first one we have heard about is Paula Moree and family who went to Orlando and Disney World for three days and then on to Arkansas for a couple weeks to visit her mother and brothers.

Betty White of Dental Hygiene is planning a motor trip to Colorado this summer. Happy traveling, Betty!

Bonnie Griffin and husband, Dan, have been busy getting their camper ready for a trip to California returning through Colorado and by way of Tennessee to visit Bonnie's folks. They have made a couple trial runs and Bonnie reports it's a great way to travel.

Betty Molyneux and her husband are also planning a trip to California this summer. They will be gone for six weeks in all, going North to Oregon and then to visit her daughter and son-in-law who are in Nevada. They hope to arrive there in time for the birth of a new grandchild.

Dr. Graham's son, Bill, was married March 22 in Jacksonville to Monique Bizier. Bill is a graduate of PBJC and the University of Florida.

Mr. Koontz of the News Bureau is looking forward to a trip to Europe on May 23. He and his wife plan to visit thirteen countries in 45 days. We will look forward to hearing the details upon their return. Bon Voyage!

Administration-Up is happy to have Salle Griffith's help during the summer while the Social Science Building is closed.

GEORGE BENNETT FUND

Volunteers from the Palm Beach Junior College Physical Plant, "worked like beavers" during the week of May 10 at the home of George Bennett, to complete work on a room to house a dialysis unit for the PBJC Maintenance mechanic, according to Mrs. Bennett.

Bennett, who suffered a kidney failure in March, has been confined to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Miami since then, except for a number of weekends he was permitted to come home.

Claude Edwards, Director of the Physical Plant, initiated a drive for funds among the college staff and faculty to help defray the cost of the dialysis room, estimated at approximately \$500.

Edwards asked Elisabeth Erling, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs to coordinate the drive, which has already gone over the \$500 mark.

Funds are still being collected, however, at the Finance Office, Dean Erling said.

In another development, The First National Bank of Lake Worth, where Mrs. Bennett worked as teller-supervisor until ordered to quit after a serious heart attack, has opened an account for donations to Bennett.

Bennett is remembered for the Gulf Station he operated for 15 years on the corner of 15th Avenue North in Lake Worth.

The Bennetts are overwhelmed at the way people have responded.

"Words simply can't express how we feel," Mrs. Bennett says.

"The room that the men from the Physical Plant are building is simply beautiful.

"It's wonderful to know that people are so willing to help," she added.

P.S. At Staff News Press Time, Mrs. Bennett said she expected her husband home for good by the first of June.

ROSE SMITH

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A whirlwind courtship ensued.

"At the end of the six weeks, I had to make a big decision.

"It was either: return north with the family, or stay here and marry Harry Smith," she went on.

"I decided to stay!"

"In October, it will be eight years since I came to America," says Rose, who has been with PBJC for the past three.

Rose was born in the tiny village of Oberfecking, in Bavaria--"it only had 18 houses at that time"--and her parents, Herr and Frau Joseph Schneider, and a brother and sister, later moved to Kelheim, a larger town about 70 miles north of Munich.

She worked in a bank in Saal for six years, after first attending a business college.

"An employee who wanted to quit her job was obliged to give a full three months' advance notice--only on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1," Rose points out.

Rose glanced at the calendar on April 1, and realizing it was "notice day", decided to notify the bank she would quit.

Three months later, she started working as a governess in Liechtenstein, a tiny principality, nestled between Austria and Switzerland, the jumping off place for her later travels.

The accounting clerk has returned to her homeland twice, once at Christmas time in 1971 to see the snow but unfortunately, that year, Bavaria had an exceptionally mild winter.

Right now, the big adventure for Rose and Harry is the remodeling of an over-fifty-year-old house, which once belonged to Harry's grandfather.

"This is our biggest hobby.

"We're not finished, yet, but it gives us a feeling of great satisfaction as we complete the projects, one by one."

Rose Smith's year has stretched to eight.

Now "home" to Rose Smith, means Lake Worth, Florida.